

## CLAIMS

1. A web material feeding apparatus, comprising:
  - a feeding path along which a web material extending from
  - 5 a roll is guided lengthwise,
  - a feeding roller for drawing out and feeding the web material along said feeding path,
  - a suction plate provided on said feeding path, for sucking and thereby exerting braking force on the web material which
  - 10 is drawn out by said feeding roller and traveling,
  - meandering detection means provided at an downstream side of said suction plate on said feeding path, for detecting deviation of the web material with respect to a width direction of the web material, and
  - 15 meandering correction means for correcting the deviation of the web material by shifting said suction plate in the direction across said feeding path, when the deviation is detected by said meandering detection means.
2. The web material feeding apparatus according to claim 1,
- 20 further comprising a reservoir box provided on said feeding path, for storing the web material drawn out from said roll, wherein said suction plate is provided near an outlet of said reservoir box.
3. The web material feeding apparatus according to claim 1,
- 25 further comprising two guide members provided near said suction plate on the opposite sides of said feeding path, for guiding the opposite side-edges of the web material, wherein said meandering correction means is adapted to shift said two guide members together with said suction plate.
- 30 4. The web material feeding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said suction plate extends from the outlet of said reservoir box in the direction in which the web material is drawn out, and said two guide members are arranged on the opposite

sides of said suction plate.

5. The web material feeding apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

a reservoir box provided on said feeding path, for storing  
5 the web material drawn out from said roll, and

two guide members provided near said suction plate on the opposite sides of said feeding path, for guiding the opposite side-edges of the web material, wherein

said suction plate is provided near an outlet of said  
10 reservoir box, and

said meandering correction means is adapted to shift said two guide members together with said suction plate.

6. The web material feeding apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said suction plate extends from the outlet of said  
15 reservoir box in the direction in which the web material is drawn out, and said two guide members are arranged on the opposite sides of said suction plate.